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Cebu—Continued.

Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin.....	120
Steerage.....	1,104
Number of crew inspected.....	2,769

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,

*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Concerning the cholera at Singapore.

MANILA, P. I., December 8, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report concerning the increase of cholera in Singapore as follows:

It is reported that the outbreak of cholera occurred among coolies employed at the island of Pulo Brant; these becoming frightened, dispersed to Singapore, thereby forming four or five centers of infection.

The outbreak occurred about November 1, 1900, and 56 cases, 36 deaths had occurred to the 21st of that month.

I have had a conference with the local agents of the steamships sailing from that port to Manila, and have instructed them to notify their agents in Singapore that the articles prohibited by regulations (a list being furnished to each) must not be received as cargo for Philippine ports during the prevalence of cholera; also that no steerage passengers must be brought, and that the crews must not be allowed on shore in that port.

The United States consul has also been advised of this matter, and that the regulations of this port require enforcement of the United States quarantine laws and regulations relative to ships sailing from cholera-infected places.

I have also written to the United States consul requesting information concerning the means for and the practicability of disinfection at Singapore.

For your information I will respectfully state that few passengers come from Singapore, and the steerage class very rarely. Most of the cargo is that from Europe transshipped at Singapore, and a study of the manifests of a number of ships shows that about the only articles of merchandise affected by the order will be dried fish and old gunny. On the ship which arrived yesterday I held 540 packages of the latter, which I have prohibited being landed in the Philippines.

I think the different steamship companies will observe my instructions fully, as they see the necessity for the action taken, and are not disposed to take any chances of having their ships quarantined.

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